



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Frank S. Nagy
File: B-237358
Date: February 12, 1990

DECISION

This decision concerns the claim of an employee for reimbursement of rental car costs incurred when his privately owned vehicle broke down while driving from his temporary duty station to his official duty station.^{1/}

During an extended period of temporary duty in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mr. Frank S. Nagy chose to return to his home at the close of business on Friday, May 20, 1988, for the weekend rather than remain in Chattanooga. His privately owned vehicle broke down during the trip home. As a result, he secured a rental vehicle, completed his weekend travel, and returned to Chattanooga on Monday, May 23, 1988, to complete his temporary duty assignment. The question relates to reimbursement for various car rental expenses incurred by him for the period May 20-22, 1988.

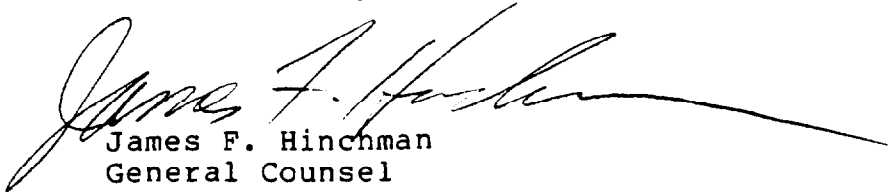
Under the provisions of paragraph 1-7.5c of the Federal Travel Regulations, and its successor provision, paragraph 1-7.11b(4),^{2/} an employee in a travel status may voluntarily return to his official station or place of abode for nonworkdays and be reimbursed for the cost of the round-trip travel and per diem, regardless of mode of travel, not to exceed the cost of per diem and travel expenses that would have been incurred had the employee remained at the temporary duty station. See Hugo H. Husliq, 64 Comp. Gen. 236 (1985); Thomas Anderson, B-200601, July 31, 1981; Gene Daly, B-197386, June 15, 1983; John D. Rotz, B-186266, Aug. 10, 1976. Cf. Charlotte M. Duncan, B-233527, July 26, 1989, and decisions cited.

^{1/} This decision responds to a request from Eloise L. Robinson, Authorized Certifying Officer, Atlanta Regional Office, General Accounting Office.

^{2/} Supp. 20, May 30, 1986, incorp. by ref., 41 C.F.R. § 101-7.003 (1988).

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Therefore, Mr. Nagy may be reimbursed for the cost of the rental vehicle (\$77.85), not to exceed the cost of per diem and travel expenses he would have incurred in Chattanooga that weekend.3/



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3/ At the time of this travel, the per diem rate for Chattanooga was \$65.